



## 2009 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 77

April 20, 2010 – Introduced by Senator RISSER, cosponsored by Representatives BLACK and HEBL. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1     **Relating to:** commending student-athletes, coaches, and administrators at the  
2             University of Wisconsin–Madison.

3             Whereas, student-athletes from the University of Wisconsin (UW)–Madison  
4     enjoyed numerous successes in many sports during the 2009–2010 academic year;  
5     and

6             Whereas, the Badger football team under the direction of Bret Bielema finished  
7     the regular season with a 9–3 record capped off by a Champs Sport Bowl victory  
8     against the University of Miami. The season was also highlighted with the naming  
9     of Racine–native sophomore running back John Clay as the consensus 2010 Big Ten  
10    Offensive Player of the Year; and

11            Whereas, the men’s basketball team coached by Bo Ryan finished the regular  
12    season with a record of 23–8 and made the NCAA tournament for the 12th straight  
13    year; and

14            Whereas, the women’s basketball team led by head coach Lisa Stone finished  
15    the regular season with a record of 20–9, marking only the eighth 20–win season in

1 UW women’s basketball history. Stone guided the team to its first NCAA tournament  
2 appearance since 2002; and

3 Whereas, women’s hockey coach Mark Johnson led the U.S. Women’s National  
4 Team at the Vancouver Winter Olympics to a silver medal. The team included seven  
5 current or former Badgers, including Jessie Vetter, the Cottage Grove, Wisconsin,  
6 native who won the 2009 Patty Kazmaier Memorial Award; and

7 Whereas, the men’s hockey team led by head coach Mike Eaves finished off a  
8 phenomenal regular season with a record of 22–9–4 that propelled the team to the  
9 NCAA Frozen Four and the National Championship game and the first–ever Badger  
10 hockey student athlete Hobey Baker Memorial Award winner Blake Geoffrion; and

11 Whereas, Badger wrestling head coach Barry Davis led the team to one of the  
12 most successful seasons in team history. Davis was named the 2010 National Coach  
13 of the Year and the Badgers placed fourth at the NCAA Championships with 70.5  
14 points, tying for the best finish in school history. The team featured four  
15 all-Americans including sophomore Andrew Howe who won a national title in his  
16 weight class; and

17 Whereas, the women’s lightweight rowing team, led by head coach Erik Miller,  
18 in 2009 won their second consecutive Intercollegiate Rowing Association national  
19 championship marking the fifth time in six years the women Badgers crew team has  
20 taken top national honors; now, therefore, be it

21 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the Wisconsin  
22 legislature honors all of the University of Wisconsin student–athletes, coaches, and  
23 administrators for all of the hard work and dedication that went into the athletic  
24 successes this season.

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